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For what it is worth... even the FEMA Environmental Officers at the RRCC think this is a bad idea... I asked if they had any options we could consider... they believe we are opening up a can of worms that FEMA will also have to deal with... Their concern is if a large number of well owners find issues, and then are convinced it is flood related (even if it isn't), they will be beating on FEMA to cover it under the Individual Assistance Program. If FEMA could not show it was flood-related, they would have to deny the claims, which would cause a very large media storm.

They suggested getting the message to the well owners that the chance of their well being contaminated with waterborne issues (e-coli and coliform) may be small, but if they have a concern, follow the TCEQ recommendations of treating their well. After the response is over, then if a well owner still has a concern, they can work through DSHS to have the local sanitarian run a sample for them... this is the normal process...

With Regards, Steve



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"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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The quick answer is none. But they suggested TCEQ or EPA labs and our contractors. Or have water well drillers collect the samples. And then they spent 45 minutes explaining how dumb Mike and I were for doing this.

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As per our conversation, could you ask the Texas entities such as Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, if they could analyze water samples for coliforms, routine analysis (conductivity, pH, nitrate, TDS, etc.), and metals from private domestic wells in flood-impacted areas?